

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 216

February Session, 2010

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AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 7-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 3 (a) No municipal corporation shall employ private detectives in the
- 4 investigation or detection of crime at an expense of more than [five
- 5 hundred] two thousand dollars unless (1) a specific appropriation
- 6 therefor has been made, [nor unless] (2) the authorities [thereof] of
 - such municipal corporation have first applied to the [state police]
- 8 Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety for
- 9 assistance in such investigation and waited a reasonable time for said
- 10 [state police] division to act, and (3) the authorities of such municipal
- 11 corporation have given written notice of the hiring of such private
- detectives not less than seven business days prior to such hiring to (A)
- 13 the police chief of the municipality, if applicable, (B) the Division of
- 14 State Police within the Department of Public Safety, and (C) the state's
- 15 <u>attorney for the judicial district in which the municipality is located.</u>
- 16 (b) Any municipal official who violates any provision of subsection
- 17 (a) of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and
- 18 shall be liable to such municipality in a civil action for the amount
- 19 expended in excess of such sum as has been appropriated for such

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20 investigation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2010	7-283

PS Joint Favorable Subst.